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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNIN	VGUI/UI/U8	AND ENDING_	12/31/08
	MM/DD	YY	MM/DD/YY
A. I	REGISTRANT IDE	ENTIFICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: WFS	LLC		OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)			FIRM I.D. NO.
One Boston Place - 41st Floor			1730112.110.
	(No. and S	Street)	1000
Boston	Massa	chusetts	02108
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF Paul G. Martins	F PERSON TO CONTA	ACT IN REGARD TO THIS R	EPORT (617) 531-3132
			(Area Code - Telephone Number)
B. Ac	CCOUNTANT IDE	ENTIFICATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTAN Parent, McLaughlin & Nang	le, Certified	-	s, Inc.
160 Federal Street	Boston	Massach	usetts 02110
(Address)	(City)	Mail Proc(State)	
CHECK ONE:			
Certified Public Accountant		FFH 2 6 2009	¥
☐ Public Accountant		F	
☐ Accountant not resident in U	Inited States or any of	its possessions. Washington, D	N.O.
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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Paul G. Martins	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of					
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financia WFS. LLC	l statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of					
	, 20_08 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that					
	ncipal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account					
classified solely as that of a customer, except as folio	ws:					
None						
	Signature Signature					
	Chief Financial Officer					
	Title					
Notary Public						
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(a) Facing Fage. (b) Statement of Financial Condition.						
(c) Statement of Income (Loss).						
(d) Statement of Kinnyex XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX						
 ⊠ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equit □ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subording 						
(i) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subording (g) Computation of Net Capital.	lated to Claims of Creditors.					
(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve R	lequirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.					
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.						
(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the						
Computation for Determination of the Reservice	ve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.					
(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and un consolidation.	audited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of					
(1) An Oath or Affirmation.						
(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.						
	found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.					
**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain	portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).					

WFS, LLC

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

WFS, LLC Boston, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of WFS, LLC as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statements of financial condition referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of WFS, LLC at December 31, 2008 and 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Certified Public Accountants

Perent, Mr. Loughlin Mangle

February 25, 2009

Certified Public Accountants, Inc.

WFS, LLC

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	December 31			
		2008	2007	
<u>ASSETS</u>				+
Cash Deposits with clearing brokers Receivables from non-customers Prepaid expenses	\$	189,181 25,000 95,141 11,618	\$	299,411 25,000 36,383 11,201
	\$	320,940	\$	371,995
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY				
Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Due to member for administrative services	\$	13,015 26,367	\$	8,000 59,663
		39,382		67,663
Member's equity		281,558		304,332
	\$	320,940	\$	371,995



WFS, LLC.

NOTES TO STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

A. Organization and Nature of Business:

WFS, LLC (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA). The Company is a Delaware Limited Liability Company that is wholly owned by Wainwright Investment Counsel, LLC (WIC).

The Company is engaged in business as a securities broker-dealer. Its primary service lines are agency and principal commissions, performance fees, marketing fees, and Rule 12b-1 fees.

The Company engages other broker-dealers on a fully disclosed basis for the execution and clearance of all trades and the maintenance of customer accounts. The Company does not carry securities accounts for customers and does not perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

B. Significant Accounting Policies:

Revenue recognition:

Trading income and commission income is recognized on a trade date basis. Performance fees are recognized when received. Marketing fees that can be reasonably estimated are recognized when earned; otherwise, they are recognized when received. Receivables arising from commissions are generally collected in thirty days.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates utilized in the preparation of the financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Receivables:

Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of the individual receivables. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to receivables.



WFS. LLC

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DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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B. Significant Accounting Policies - (continued):

Income taxes:

The Company is included in the income tax returns of Wainwright Investment Counsel, LLC, which is classified as a partnership for income tax purposes. Federal and state taxes are not payable or provided by the Company. The members of WIC are individually liable for the taxes on their share of WIC's income.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has deferred, in FSP FIN 48-3, the effective date of FIN 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, for non-public enterprises, to the annual financial statements for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company has elected to defer the application of FIN 48 in accordance with the FSP.

In evaluating uncertain tax positions, the Company will only recognize in the financial statements tax benefits for tax positions that are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities.

C. Related Party Transactions:

Certain administrative business functions are provided by WIC for the Company pursuant to an Administrative Expense-Sharing Agreement (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company pays WIC for the actual compensation calculated and paid to registered representatives. Additionally, WIC provides other administrative services including: finance, compliance, client servicing, maintenance of books and records, trade processing, licensing, and other operational and administrative duties. The Company pays WIC an Expense-Sharing Service Fee equal to the allocated amount of WIC's operating expenses associated with the administrative services. The allocation is based on the ratio of time spent on Company related matters to the total time spent by WIC. Expense for the administration of registered representative compensation for the year ended December 31, 2008 amounted to \$72,689. Administrative service expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 amounted to \$179,803.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, expense for the compensation of registered representatives and administrative services expenses amounted to \$151,701 and \$156,830, respectively.

D. Net Capital Requirements:

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. In addition, the rule of the Company's designated examining authority provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$203,940, which was \$198,940 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's percentage of aggregate Indebtedness to net capital at December 31, 2008 was 19%.



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NOTES TO STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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E. Reserve Requirements:

The Company is exempt from the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(ii) thereof.

F. Concentration of Credit Risk:

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which the counterparties primarily include other broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's practice to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, 69% and 31% of the Company's gross commission revenue were trades executed by Pershing, Inc. and PCS/Dunbar, respectively. 69% and 27% of the Company's 2007 gross commission revenue were trades executed by Pershing, Inc. and PCS/Dunbar, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, 100% of the Company's performance fee revenue was derived from two families of investment partnerships. For the year ended December 31, 2007, 88% of the Company's performance fee revenue was derived from another family of investment partnerships.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, 95% of the Company's marketing and placement fee revenue was derived from two families of investment partnerships, one of which has decided to cease operations, the other of which has an uncertain future based on current events. For the year ended December 31, 2007, 74% of the Company's marketing and placement fee revenue was derived from one family of investment partnerships.

The Company maintains cash deposits with a financial institution, the balances of which from time to time may exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

